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Cominco to Erect \$5 Million Urea **Plant in Calgary**

TRAIL, B.C.—The immediate construction of a \$5,000,000 urea plant at Calgary, Alberta has been announced by the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company of Canada Ltd. The new facilities will be operated in conjunction with the company's large ammonia and chemical fertilizer plants in that city, and will have an annual capacity in excess of 36,-000 tons.

For fertilizer use, urea will be available as prilled or pelleted prod-uct analyzing 45% nitrogen. It will also be combined with other materials to make the various solid and liquid fertilizer products.

The new fertilizers will be an addition dition to the company's Elephant Brand line, sold throughout Canada and distributed in the U.S. by Cominand distributed in the U.S. by Comin-co Products, Inc., of Spokane, through Balfour, Guthrie and Co. Ltd. The storage and distribution facilities of Cominco Products, Inc. at Spokane and elsewhere in the U.S. will be enlarged to handle the in-creased production.

In addition to the various fertilizer products, urea will be produced in forms suitable for animal feed supplements and industrial uses. The plant, which will be the first of its kind in Western Canada, will be in full production by mid-1960.

Agrico Purchases Site in Minnesota

NEW YORK-The American Agricultural Chemicals Co., manufactur-er of Agrico fertilizers, has an-nounced the purchase of a 64-acre site at Sleepy Eye, Minn.

B. R. Richey, vice president of the firm, indicated that a fertilizer plant would be constructed on the site "at a future date." Further details about the proposed plant are not presently available.

Congressman Asks Big Increase in Funds For Interior Department Pesticide Study

WASHINGTON - If Congressman Lee Metcalf has his way, pesticide research funds will be increased over nine times the amount Congress granted last year under the Magnuson Bill. The conservation-minded Montana legislator has introduced a bill (HR 5813) which would increase Department of the Interior's appropriations for pesticide research from \$280,000 to \$2,565,000 per year.

Pointing out that the \$2\% million

plus appropriation would be less than 1% of the wholesale value of chemical pesticides produced domestically in 1956, Rep. Metcalf said, "This is the sum that actually is needed to enable the secretary of the interior to study various aspects of the pesti-

cides problem . . to assure that the future use of chemical controls shall not inflict irreparable damage on the nation's fish and game resources and farm animals."

A spokesman for the Fish and Wildlife Service stated that Rep. Metcalf's proposal "in not an unreasonable request." He said that of 220 pesticides in use today, only 21 have been fully tosted for toxicity to 5th been fully tested for toxicity to fish and game. Fish and Wildlife Service cooperating with the Department of Agriculture currently is handling pesticides research programs.

The Montana congressman based his nine-fold increase on a detailed 23-point program. Receiving the largest slice of research funds would

be investigations into long-range per ticidal programs on fish: \$200,000. Next largest share would go towards studying effects of fire ant formulations on wildlife and farm animals:

Receiving lesser amounts would be studies into chemical effects on reproduction, growth, vitality, bird migration, contamination of water areas, and other facets of life and populations of domestic animals, wildlife, and fish

"It is imperative that this essential research is started without further delay," asserted Rep. Metcalf. "These research projects would give us the kind of information that is so desperately needed. As it stands, there is no assurance that we are not poisoning all living creatures to the point of sterility."

The legislator's office reports that little opposition is expected to the proposed increase "except from those who don't want to spend money for anything." Sen. Magnuson—who sponsored last year's bill—will throw his support behind HR 5813, it is reported.

The proposed \$2,565,000 annual appropriation would include last year's sum, not be in addition to it.

USDA Official Denies Stopping Spray Program Because of Public Sentiment

MEMPHIS - A newspaper report stating the local spray program to control the white-fringed beetle "had been stopped because public ment was against it" was labeled untrue last week by N. H. Causey of the Plant Pest Control Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

An article carrying the byline of Paul Fairleigh in the Memphis Press-Scimitar of March 18 stated Mr. Causey had informed the newspaper that all spraying operations in Memphis had been suspended. The story reported that "Causey said the local spray program had been stopped be-cause public sentiment was against the spraying and because his home office in Jackson, Miss., had not allotted them insecticide (dieldrin) to continue the spraying.

When questioned regarding the ac-curacy of the story, Mr. Causey said the spray program had been halted temporarily because of delay in getting the insecticide. He labeled as false the statement that the program

had been stopped because of public protest.

"Mr. Fairleigh called and asked me specifically if the program had been halted because of public sentiment, and I told him that was not the reason," Mr. Causey said.

The story by Mr. Fairleigh also stated:

"Ordered not to spray property where owners objected, Mr. Causey said they met such stiff opposition it was useless to try and continue the spray program in Memphis. However, he said the spraying might be re-sumed next fall and winter if the program became more acceptable to the public."

ICA Issues Fertilizer **Authorizations Totaling** \$1.8 Million to Vietnam

WASHINGTON-International Cooperation Administration has is fertilizer authorizations totaling \$1.8 million to Vietnam. Included are authorizations of \$1 million for nitrogenous fertilizer, \$600,000 for phosphates and other fertilizer materials

Vietnam also was issued a \$50,000 pesticide authorization, with a contract period ending July 31 and a Sept. 30 delivery date. ICA also an-nounced a \$100,000 potash authorization to Korea. The contracting period ends July 31, and terminal delivery late is Sept. 30.

phates and other fertilizer materials and \$200,000 for potash fertilizers. The contracting period for all ends next July 31 and terminal delivery date is Sept. 30.

Sulfur Production

WASHINGTON-The domestic sulfur industry produced 346,475 long tons of native sulfur and 52,284 tons of recovered sulfur (of a purity of 97% or greater) during January, according to reports of producers to the U.S. Bureau of Mines.

TVA Makes First Ammoniated Super Acid Shipment

KNOXVILLE - Tennessee Valley Authority reports it has made its Authority reports it has made its first shipment of a new liquid fertilizer, ammoniated superphosphoric acid. Two tank cars, each carrying 50 tons, are enroute to the Pacific Cooperative at West Stayton and Klamath Falls, Ore. The new fertilizer analyzes 11-33-0.

Some of the ammoniated superphosphoric acid will be used as a straight material on field demonstrations in Oregon. These field demonstrations in Oregon.

straight material on held demonstrations in Oregon. These field demonstrations will be established in cooperation with county agents and other state agricultural personnel. In addition to being used as a straight material it can also be mixed with other ingredients to make high-analysis complete liquid fertilizers. TVA said it plans to produce 3,000 tons this year for use in research and educational programs

Fire Causes Serious Damage to Chemical Firm

ST. JOSEPH, MO.—Damage estimated at more than \$500,000 was sustained by the Woodbury Chemical Co. here, when fire destroyed a four-story office and warehouse occupied by the

The estimate of damage was made by C. D. Woodbury, brother of Her-bert A. Woodbury, president, who said the building was heavily stocked with chemical sprays.

Boost in Fertilizer, Pesticide Consumption Forecast on Basis Of Fat Cotton and Corn Acreage

By JOHN CIPPERLY

WASHINGTON - There will be generous frosting on the sales cake of the fertilizer industry this year when the tonnage volume of sales in the Cotton and old Corn Belt are

This observation is more than fully confirmed by trade sources here who are forecasting for the Cotton Belt increase of between 8 and 15% in an increase of between 8 and 15% in fertilizer tonnage, varying by states.

For the Corn Belt, fertilizer sales

this year will probably burst the seams of all previous tonnage rec-ords. Even the currently broad increase in fertilizer bookings for the Corn Belt may subsequently be increased when corn farmers look over the financial outlook for corn production on the basis of a generous and increased level of price support for corn this crop year.

Buoyant optimism prevails gener ally in trade circles so far as the Corn Belt volume is concerned with in-

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Minnesota Adopts New Amendment to Fertilizer Law

ST. PAUL, MINN.—The Minnesota legislature on March 18 passed an amendment to its fertilizer law paving the way for eventual conversion of plant food guarantees from the oxide to the elemental basis. The new amendment becomes effective on July 1, 1959.

According to R. E. Bergman, director of feed and fertilizer control, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Dairy & Food, the new provisions state that elemental guarantees will be required only after a public hearing indicates that the change-over would not impose an economic hardship on the fertilizer industry by conflicting labeling requirements among the states. The effective date of such regulation, if it were adopted after the public hearing, would be six months afterwards. Then there would be an additional period of two years wherein both the oxide and elemental guarantees could be stated, although the elemental form would actually constitute the grade of the

The law presently in effect in Minnesota has no provisions regarding guarantees in both the oxide and elemental form, but the oxide guarantee now constitutes the grade. Consequently it has been permissible for both the oxide and elemental guarantees to be stated on the label and some manufacturers in the state have already indicated the elemental percentage of plant nutrients following the oxide percentage guarantee. (Croplife, Nov. 10, 1958.)

Light Bollworm Count Expected for Texas Area

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS—Pink bollworm infestations in the Coastal Bend area are expected to be relatively light this summer, according to recent field checks.

Hugh Cavitt, supervisor of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's plant pest control division, says inspectors are finding very little debris in the fields, and the bollworm count is small.

The clean-up work done by farmers last autumn and the unusually wet winter helped reduce the amount of field debris, thus eradicating a harboring place for the insects, he said.



Homer A. Smith

ASSISTANT MANAGER — The appointment of Homer A. Smith as assistant manager, chemical distributor operations, has been announced by O. E. Hempel, manager of chemical distributor operations for the Minerals & Chemicals Corporation of America, Menlo Park, N.J. In his new position, Mr. Smith will assist Mr. Hempel in directing the operations of 30 distributors in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. He has been associated with the company since 1949 and prior to his new appointment was a distributor field representative.

Wyoming Officials Revise Spray Contracts

CHEYENNE, WYO.—State and federal officials have met to revise Wyoming's bid invitations and contracts for aerial spraying against grasshoppers.

W. L. Chapman, state agricultural commissioner, estimates 460,000 acres of Wyoming rangeland will be sufficiently infested with the hoppers this year to require control.

Heaviest infestations, based on last fall's egg surveys, are in Johnson, Sheridan, Niobrara, Goshen, Platte and Campbell counties, Mr. Chapman said.

He estimated the cost per acre for aerial spraying will be 20¢ this year. The actual cost last year was 17¢. The cost is shared equally by the state, federal government and landowner.

Fertilizer Use in Idaho Jumps 36%

MOSCOW, IDAHO — Fertilizer consumption in Idaho in 1958 amounted to 122,938 tons, or an increase of about 36% over the 90,452 tons used in 1957, reported the State of Idaho Department of Agriculture.

About 39,482 tons of plant nutrients were used in 1958, as compared to 29,305 tons in 1957. This shows an increase of 35%. Most of this increase was due to more use of nitrogen and phosphorus.

Dry chemical fertilizers furnished approximately 82%, and liquid chemical fertilizers about 18% of the total plant nutrients used.

Greatest use of liquid fertilizer was as a nitrogen carrier. Nearly 30% of the total nitrogen used was furnished by liquid carriers. This is about the same as shown in 1957.

Although the percent increase in potash used in 1958 over 1957 was quite high, the total tonnage remains quite small.

Approximately 7,319 tons of gypsum were used in 1958. This is about the same as 1957.

Liquid soil conditioners amounted to 398 tons in 1958. In 1950, about 549 tons were used.

Leading carriers of total nitrogen in descending order were: ammonium nitrate, ammonium sulphate, ammonium phosphates, anhydrous ammonia, aqua ammonia mixes and urea.

Leading carriers of total P₂O_s in descending order were: triple superphosphates, ammonium phosphates, liquid P₂O_s, mixes and single superphosphate.

phosphate.
Leading carrier of K₂O was muriate of potash. Some tonnage sold in mixes.

Using average nutrient cost of nitrogen, P₂O₂, and K₂O at 15, 9.5, and 6.5¢ per pound respectively, farmers invested approximately \$10,-000,000 in commercial fertilizer for the 1958 year. This includes about \$109,785 for gypsum, and \$25,000 for miscellaneous soil conditioners.

Joins Hooker

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. — Jules Gilbert, formerly of West Hempstead, N.Y., has joined the general development department of Hooker Chemical Corp. at Niagara Falls, N.Y., as a market research analyst in the field of phosphorus and its derivatives. The announcement was made by Dr. Marion B. Geiger, director of general development.

Revised Handbook On Insecticide Use Issued by USDA

WASHINGTON—The 1959 revision of Agriculture Handbook 120—Insecticide Recommendations of the Entomology Research Division for the Control of Insects Attacking Crops and Livestock—has been issued, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announces. This handbook summarizes the department's recommendations as of Jan. 1, 1959.

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Included are a number of insecticides that represent marked advancement in pest control, USDA said.

These insecticides are either more effective in the control of insects and mites, less toxic to workers applying them, or leave less persistent residues and reduce the waiting period between last application and harvest.

Among the changes in recommendations for the current season are: Sevin is recommended for the first time for control of the boll weevil, pink bollworm, bollworm, cotton leaf-worm, cotton fleahopper, stink bugs, lygus and other mirids, thrips, and the cotton leaf perforator, and ethion, Kelthane, and Trithion for spider mite control on cotton.

Endrin is recommended for European corn borer control on corn and for the sugarcane borer on sugarcane. It is also recommended for control of spittlebugs on corn, alfalfa and clover on a no-residue basis with the precaution not to treat after the crop is 2 inches high.

crop is 2 inches high.

As a result of extensive tests in Oklahoma during 1958, dieldrin has been recommended for control of flea beetles on seedling sorghum. Methyl parathion has been added to the list of materials recommended for the control of green bugs on small grains.

Malathion is now recommended for the Japanese beetle on blueberry, blackberry, raspberry and beans; for asparagus beetle on asparagus and for pickleworm on squash and cucumber.

Kelthane has been added to control mites on most deciduous fruits and on berries and vegetables, and Trithion for mite control on beans, tomatoes, potatoes, strawberries and as a prebloom spray on apple trees.

Diazinon is now recommended for aphids on strawberries, hops, beans, beets, celery, cucumber, lettuce, pepper, spinach, tomato and certain cole crops, and Phosdrin for the redbanded leaf roller on apple and for aphids on melons

aphids on melons.

Use of Bayer 21/199, commercially available as Co-ral which was previously recommended in a supplement to AH 120 for the 1958 season for control of certain livestock pests, is incorporated in the revision, together with proper precautions for use on beef cattle, sheep, goats and swine.

Edward J. Geise Named Commodity Sales Head For Naugatuck Chemical

NEW YORK—Edward J. Geise has been appointed manager of commodity sales for the Naugatuck Chemical division, U.S. Rubber Co., announced Harold M. Parsekian, general sales manager.

Mr. Geise, formerly assistant man-

Mr. Geise, formerly assistant manager of commodity sales, replaces Albert W. Holmberg, who retired in February. Mr. Holmberg had completed 50 years of service in the rubber industry just prior to his retirement.

In his new post Mr. Geise will direct a group of commodity sales managers who supervise sales, promotion, advertising and forward planning for all of the division's 300 products. He will make his headquarters at the division's main plant in Naugatuck, Conn.

Mr. Geise joined Naugatuck Chemical in 1953. He has a degree in chemical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.



TWO-WAY RADIO

MASON CITY, IOWA-Legreid Farm Service Co. at Emery, Iowa, has recently installed a tower for two-way radio contact between truck and office, enabling the farmer to get fast service on fertilizer needs. The company uses its facilities for supplying liquid or dry plowdowns. The company also sends soil samples to the fertilizer laboratories for analysis of soil needs. An ammonia transport truck is used for weighing the fertilizer and transporting it direct to the farmer.

Gibberellic Tests On Texas Cotton **Show Big Increases**

LUBBOCK, TEXAS — One of the largest field tests in the Southwest on the use of gibberellic acid was conducted near Muleshoe last year. The Wood Chemical Co. of Lubbock in cooperation with Merck & Co., Inc., maker of the acid, applied the materials on a 26-acre irrigated cotton field.

The results showed an increase of a half bale of cotton an acre where six grams were used. The plot treated with two grams an acre showed almost as much increase in yield. A third plot with only a one gram treatment proved less effective.

"We were well satisfied with the tests," said Donald Johnson, chemist for Wood Chemical. "The acid was put on in two applications—the first one just before cotton started developing squares, and the second one about five weeks later."

Mr. Johnson says the results were noticeable all through the growing season. The treated cotton was greener and put on more bolls than adjoining fields.

This year the firm is conducting more extensive tests with the Merck company. Most of the plots will be confined to the irrigated cotton areas of West Texas. One onion producer plans to use the acid for seed treatment.

"We will be using a granular form this year for the first time," Mr. Johnson explained. "It is supposed to give a slower release to the plants and last longer. Last year's tests were conducted by spraying the dil-uted acid on the foliage. This gives an immediate response."

This year the firms will use the acid as side-dressing with the seed. Each plot will be carefully selected and closely supervised.

Other tests in 1958 were conducted in the Rio Grande Valley of South Texas, according to Mr. Johnson. He says it was used effectively when mixed with seed sterilants, a com-bination which helped control seedling diseases and gave the small plants a boost in growth.

Bill to Cut Potash Tax Dies in New Mexico

SANTA FE, N.M.-A bill to reduce the state severance tax on po-tash was killed in committee during the closing days of the New Mexico Legislature. Thus, the tax continues to be 2½% of the market value of the potash ore at the time it leaves the ground.

The bill would have reduced the value of the ore to three-quarters of market value for the purpose of taxation. It was designed to give some tax relief to the mines in the combined of the purpose of the purpose of taxation. Carlsbad area which are facing increasing competition from Canadian and overseas imports. It would have also brought the potash tax rate closer to New Mexico's severance taxes on other minerals: under present laws, the severance tax on oil, gas and potash is 2½%; ½% on copper and uranium; and ½ of 1% on other minerals.

NPFI Announces Start Of Michigan Testing

WASHINGTON—The timetable for launching the intensified soil testing program in Ionia County, Mich., was announced by the National Plant Food Institute and the Michigan Agricultural Extension Service. It is designed to encourage more efficient crop production by farmers, through the use of lime and fertilizer.

Supervising and correlating the program will be Fred Peabody, county extension director of Ionia County, and John R. Guttay, NPFI district representative, with headquarters at East Lansing, Mich.

A kickoff dinner is scheduled for May 28, at Ionia, county seat of Ionia County, to get the program officially underway. In attendance will be farmers, county business men, editors and agricultural workers.

At this dinner, the new Michigan crop production potential wall charts

and checklists will be presented for the first time. In addition, posters, publicity kits, and other information materials will be distributed.

This will be followed by a fertilizer industry meeting on June 2, at which dealers and salesmen serving Ionia County farmers will be informed of the program's importance to them and how they can cooperate in it.

During early June the program will be presented to interested groups, including service clubs, bankers, home demonstration personnel, 4-H Clubs, FFA chapters, Vo-Ag classes and soil conservation specialists.

Special meetings will be held throughout the county during June to provide instruction in collecting soil samples, soil testing and analysis. Arrangements will be made for establishing depots for collecting soil sam-

The program aims at reaching 100% of Ionia County's farmers in 1959 and the years immediately following to boost gross agricultural inCROPLIFE, March 30, 1959-3

come by \$4 million and net income by \$2 million.

The project is part of the program recommended by the NPFI's Midwest research and educational committee, headed by R. P. Thomas, International Minerals and Chemical Corp. A soil testing task force has advised on plans for the program, under the chairmanship of Leo Orth, Sinclair Petrochemicals.

Australians to Build Superphosphate Plant

COCKLE CREEK, AUSTRALIA-The Consolidated Zinc Corp., Ltd., will build an \$18 million lead and zinc smelter here.

The expected yearly output would be about 38,000 tons of both lead and zinc.

The plans call for inclusion of a big sulphuric acid plant for the production of superphosphate.



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Texas Firm Opens New Liquid Plant

BROWNFIELD, TEXAS-A liquid fertilizer manufacturing plant has been opened by the Goodpasture Grain & Milling Co. The plant which cost more than \$200,000 has a capacity of 18 to 20 tons of fertilizer per

The business will operate 24 hours a day if necessary, said Harvey W. Bolles, sales manager of the ferti-lizer division. Fertilizers to be manufactured are phosphoric acid, Uran and 100% straight potash.

Primarily the plant will make liquid fertilizer for wholesale dis-tribution. Other products to be handled are anhydrous ammonia, fertilizer solutions, liquid phos-phorus, liquid potash and dry fer-

Grady Goodpasture, president of

the firm, says liquid fertilizers are especially adapted to this area be-cause they can be used in open ditch or sprinkler irrigation systems, chiseled into the soil or sprayed on growing plants.

A three-tank battery at the plant will enable the firm to blend 8-24-0, 32-0-0, 5-11-11, 10-15-0, 10-15-5 and 15-15-0. By using an index plate, the ingredients can be blended through a central loading pump to the producer's specifications.

A 100-gallon transport tank can be filled and on its way to the field in a few minutes, according to Mr. Bolles, who says this is the only plant

of its kind on the South Plains.

The company plans to sell or loan these tanks to farmers. Each one is equipped with a re-circulating pump and gasoline motor to keep the fertilizer properly mixed. The tanks can also be used to mix inserticides. also be used to mix insecticides.

Already retail batteries similar to the plant set-up at Brownfield have been erected by dealers in Denver

City, Seagraves, Welch, Plains, Ropes-

ville and Shallowater.

Each of the three tanks has a capacity of 5,000 gallons, and can be replenished by transport trucks operating from the home plant at Brownfield.

In addition to the fertilizer plant, the Goodpasture Soils Laboratory, which has been in operation about two years, will be enlarged and located in the same building.

Most of the fertilizer will be used

on irrigated cotton, although within the last two years there has been a steady trend in applying fertilizer to grain sorghums.

SALES IN OKLAHOMA

STILLWATER, OKLA.—Fertilizer sales in Oklahoma during February, 1959, amounted to 7,990 tons, according to state figures recently released. Most popular grade was 10-20-10, with 1,826 tons. The most used material was normal superphosphate, with 1,168 tons.

\$8.5 Million Nitrogen Fertilizer Plant to be **Built in Yugoslavia**

NEW YORK—A contract was signed in Belgrade recently between the Italian companies, Montecatini and Ansaldo, and the Yugoslav "Rudnap" Co. for the construction of an \$8.5 million nitrogen fertilizer plant at Lukavaz in Bosnia. Construction is slated to begin immediately.

The plant will produce 100 metric tons per day of anhydrous ammonia starting from coke oven gases sup-plied by an already existing coke oven plant. In addition, 340 metric tons per day of nitric acid and 380 metric tons per day of nitrochalk containing 20.5% nitrogen will be pro-

Fauser-Montecatini processes will be used. Equipment and machinery for these new plants will be supplied by Societa Ansaldo of Genoa.

Texas Fertilizer Sales Top '57 Half-Year Mark

COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS— The total tonnage of fertilizer sold during the last half of 1958 in Texas was 4.2% over the same period in 1957. J. F. Fudge, state chemist, also revealed in his bi-annual report on distribution of sales of fertilizer that the trend toward the use of higher analysis fertilizers continued at a rapid pace.

The average composition of mixed goods was higher than ever before with the average for the state near the 9-18-9 level. The average nitrogen in materials was significantly higher—over three times above the 1953 average. On the other hand, Mr. Fudge pointed out, the percentage of available phosphoric acid continued to decrease. Sales of 10-20-10 were 30% higher than in 1957 and accounted for 71% of the total for 1-2-1 ratio and 55% of all mixed fertilicors.

1-21 ratio and 55% of all mixed fer-tilizers sold.

Sales of materials were up 3.6% from a year ago due almost entirely to the great increase in anhydrous

ammonia, especially in west Texas, said Mr. Fudge. Sales in east Texas accounted for 48% of the total tonnage of mixed 48% of the total tonnage of mixed goods and 56% of the goods with a 1-2-1 ratio. West Texas bought 91% of the anhydrous ammonia, 74% of the nitrogen solutions and 32% of the ammonium sulfate. The Gulf Coast area used 40% of the ammonium sulfate and 30% of the 16-20-0. Large differences in the fertilizer use pattern in the various regions of the state are apparent, said Mr. Fudge. To further emphasize the influence of anhydrous ammonia, Mr. Fudge

of anhydrous ammonia, Mr. Fudge pointed out that nitrogen in materials averaged 38.1% last fall compared with 19.39% in 1953. Total nutrients in all fertilizers increased from 28.69% to 43.38% during the same period.

1958 Super Output Down 2% from 1957

WASHINGTON-Production of superphosphate and other phosphatic fertilizers during 1958 totaled 2,414,-883 short tons, down 2% from 1957 output, the Bureau of the Census has reported. Shipments in 1958 amounted to 1,808,852 short tons, off 1% from 1957. Production last year included 1,292,297 short tons of normal and enriched, 829,089 short tons of concentrated and 293,497 short tons of other phosphatic fertilizers.

SALES IN KENTUCKY

LEXINGTON, KY.—December, 1958 fertilizer sales in Kentucky amounted to 17,439 tons or 4,723 tons more than December, 1957, reported the Department of Feed & Fertilizer, Kentucky Agricultural Experiment Station here. Of this total, 14,164 tons were mixed fertilizers and 3,275 tons were of straight materials.



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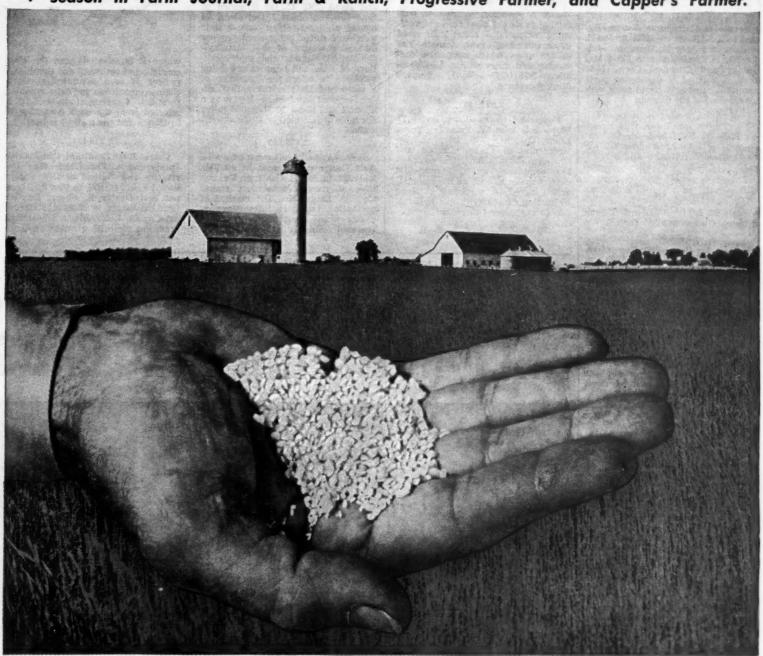
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2,877,152

Pesticidal Phosphorus Esters. Patent issued March 10, 1959, to Joe R. Willard and John F. Henahan, Middleport, N.Y., assignors to Food Machinery and Chemical Corp., New York. A method of destroying pests comprising contacting said pests with a compound of the formula

wherein R', R², R³, R⁴, R⁵ and R⁴ each represents a lower alkyl radical.

2,876,088

Process for Controlling Vegetation. Patent issued March 3, 1959, to Gideon D. Hill and Silas S. Sharp, Wilmington, and Dale E. Wolf, Hockessin, Del., assignors to E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Co., Wilmington. A process for the control of vegetation in soil having an adsorptivity equivalent to a k-value above about 15 which comprises applying to said soil at an acre rate of from about 5 to 100 lb. of a herbicidally active aromatic aliphatic urea mixed with from about 25 to 250 gal. of a hydrocarbon oll boiling in the range of 400 to 700° F. at atmospheric pressure and having a sulfonation index of no more than about 90% by volume.

2,876,089

Herbicidal Composition. Patent issued March 3, 1959, to William H. Brugmann, Jr., Milltown, Arnold J. Morway, Clark, and Jeffrey H. Bartlett, Westfield, N.J., assignors to Esso Research and Engineering Co. A grease composition having herbicidal characteristics which comprises a liquid base comprising a herbicidal liquid ester of a halogenated aryloxy carboxylic acid and an aliphatic primary alcohol having at least 7 carbon atoms, said liquid base being thickened by having finely dispersed therein a grease-forming soap selected from the group consisting of lithium, aluminum, barium and calcium soaps of C₁₀ to C₂₀ fatty acids.

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Promotion of Flowering on Pineapple Plants. Patent issued March 3, 1959, to Robert W. Leeper, Honolulu, Hawaii, and Victor C. Fusco, New Kensington, Pa., assignors to Olin Mathieson Chemical Corp. In the promotion of the flowering of vegetative pineapple plants, the step of applying beta-hydroxyethyl-N- beta - hydroxyethyl-carbazinate.

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Fungicidal Compositions. Patent issued March 3, 1959, to Frank L. Howard and Barbara C. Cormier, South Kingstown, R.I., assignors by mesne assignments to Mallinckrodt Chemical Works, St. Louis, Mo. A fungicidal composition comprising approximately 5 parts by weight of a compound selected from the group consisting of potassium chromate, sodium chromate and ammonium chromate, approximately 5 to 20 parts by weight of a compound selected from the group consisting of cadmium sebacate, cadmium succinate, cadmium phthalate, cadmium maleate and cadmium rubeanate and approximately 0.5 to 4 parts by weight of Victoria green.

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Insecticides — Derivatives of Itaconic Acid. Patent issued March 3, 1959, to Abraham Bavley, Brooklyn, Karl J. Brunings, Malba, and Donald P. Cameron, Bronx, N.Y., assignors to Chas. Pfizer & Co., Inc., New York. A 1,2-dicarbalkoxy-3-[S-(O,O-dialkyl)]-propane dithiophosphate wherein the alkyl and alkoxy groups contain from one to four carbon

atoms. A pesticidal composition containing as its principal active ingredient a compound of claim 1 dispersed in an extending agent. A method of killing mites which comprises contacting said mites with a 1,2-dicarbalkoxy-3-[S-(O,O-dialkyl)] - propane dithiophosphate.

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Fungicidal Compositions. Irving D. Webb and John W. Yale, Jr., Yorba Linda, Cal., assignors, by mesne assignments, to Collier Carbon and Chemical Corp. A fungicidal composition comprising an inert fungicidal carrier material and, as the essential active ingredient, a product obtained by heating a bis (alkylthiomethyl) sulfide of the general formula:

wherein R represents an alkyl group containing from 1 to 3, inclusive, carbon atoms, with elemental sulfur at a temperature between about 100° C. and about 250° C. for a period of time between about 1 and about 24 hours, at least about one atomic weight of sulfur being employed per molecular weight of said bis(alkylthiomethyl) sulfide and said conditions of time and temperature being sufficient to effect the formation of a sulfurized bis(alkylthiomethyl)sulfide product containing be tween about 1 and about 10 atoms of sulfur per mole of said bis(alkylthiomethyl)sulfide.

2,875,125

Sulfamoylanilinoalkanesu l f o n i c Acid Compounds. Patent issued Feb. 24, 1959, to Van R. Gaertner, Dayton, Ohio, assignor to Monsanto Chemical Co., St. Louis, Mo. The method of combating f u n g u s infestations on plants which comprises applying to the said plants at least about ½ lb.

per acre of a compound of the for-

where R is selected from the class consisting of hydrogen and the thiazyl radical, R' is a saturated straight-chain hydrocarbon radical containing from 3 to 4 carbon atoms, and R" is selected from the class consisting of hydrogen and the methyl radical.

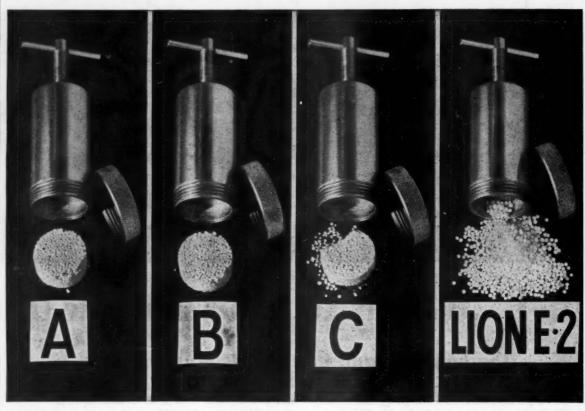
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Cereal Rust Eradicant Composition Comprising a Phenylhydrazone Derivative and Method of Use. Patent issued Feb. 24, 1959, to Van R. Gaertner and Dexter B. Sharp, Dayton, Ohio, assignors to Monsanto Chemical Co., St. Louis, Mo. A wheat rust eradicant comprising water, an emul-

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Kloben, in capital letters, for weed killing compounds. Filed June 6, 1958, by E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., Wilmington, Del. First use May 22,

Malingo, in capital letters, for parasiticide for veterinary use. Filed Aug. 28, 1957, by Fort Dodge Laboratories, Inc., Fort Dodge, Iowa. First use March 29, 1957.

Chipcote, in capital letters, for fungicidal seed dressing. Filed April 7, 1958, by Chipman Chemical Co., Inc.,

Bound Brook, N.J. First use March 5,

Chlor Ban, in hand drawn capital letters, for insecticide and agricultural fungicide. Filed April 18, 1958, by Hayes-Sammons Chemical Co., sion, Texas. First use Feb. 12, 1958.

Halts, in capital letters, for chemical weed killer. Filed May 2, 1958, by O. M. Scott and Sons Co., Marysville, Ohio. First use April 24, 1958.

Oil-I-Cide, in capital letters, for insecticides. Filed May 23, 1958, by International Lubricant Corp., New Orleans, La. First use May 12, 1958.

Design, a retort vessel in outline with the words Stephenson Chemicals superimposed in black capitals over the design, for insecticides, pesticides and rodenticides. Filed Dec. 10, 1956, by Calvin P. Stephenson, d.b.a. Stephenson Chemical Co., College Park, Ga. First use Aug. 22, 1956.

Wilt, in capital letters, for chemical preparation for extermination of

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weeds in lawns. Filed Feb. 10, 1958, by Diamond Alkali Co., C Ohio. First use Jan. 8, 1958. Cleveland,

Design, large outlined W with the ord Watkins written in script through the center, for insecticides, fungicides and other household products. Filed March 18, 1958, by the J. R. Watkins Co., Winona, Minn. First use Feb. 17, 1958.

Little Giant, in black script, for insecticides. Filed June 23, 1958, by Cenol Co., Inc., Chicago. First use on or prior to Feb. 3, 1958.

Pano-Brome, in capital letters, for fungicides, insecticides, nematocides, and rodenticides. Filed July 7, 1958, by Morton Chemical Co., Chicago. First use on or about April 28, 1958.

Design, oval ring with the words "Rebuilds Soil Nature's Way" inscribed in the ring and "Ren-o-Vite" in hand-drawn letters through the center of the oval, for organic liquid soil conditioner. Filed Aug. 21, 1958, by Soil Conditioning Service Co., Inc., New Plymouth, Idaho. First use Aug.

25-Year Tree Test Starts in Virginia

RHOADESVILLE, VA.—A 25-year experiment in the fertilization of -A 25-year loblolly pines has been started near here.

Forestry and agronomy experts hope to prove that the length of time it takes to grow marketable pulp or timber from loblolly pines can be materially shortened through the application of fertilizer.

"We want to see whether using fertilizer on stands of loblolly pine is economically feasible. And we want to see if fertilization will change the structural components or fiber of the wood," said David V. Smith, associate professor of forestry at Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

"We've been using fertilizer in nurseries for a long period but this is the first experiment by a state agency in the use of fertilizer under natural woods conditions," Mr. Smith

It takes about 30 years for loblolly pine to produce pulpwood—from 60. to 80 years for it to produce saw timber. The Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station, which is conducting the project, hopes to prove that the farmer can reduce the period of growth enough to offset the expense

of fertilizing timberlands.

A three-acre tract of scrub oak woodland, donated for the project by Continental Can Co., and selected because of its lack of natural fertilizing agents, has been cleared.

It will be fertilized and members of the local chapter of the Future Farmers of America will plant 5,000 seedlings.

Fertilizer and financial aid have been donated to the project by the American Agricultural Chemical Co. The seedlings, whose ancestry can be traced for several tree generations, will come from West Virginia Pulp and Paper Co. plantings at Somerville, S.C.

The seedlings will be planted in 48 plots of 48 trees each. Four plots will be left unfertilized for comparison purposes, and the rest will be ferti-lized with 11 different combinations of lime, superphosphate and rock phosphate. The experiment calls for the addition of other fertilizing chemicals, like nitrogen, to some of the plots after a period of years. Four separate plots will be treated with each combination of chemicals.

Pail Producing Plant

DALLAS, TEXAS - Southwestern Steel Container Co. here has commenced full operation for the production of steel pails and drums, according to Gordon D. Zuck, president.

The plant is manufacturing all pop-

ular sizes, gauges and types of pails, from 1 to 7 gal., Mr. Zuck said. A production for 15 to 55 gal. drums is planned for installation

soon, he said.

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COTTON, CORN ACREAGE

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creased tonnages predicted to be as much as 20% over last year.

Such optimism is not will-o-wisp type of thinking. It is confirmed fully by the recent U.S. Department of Agriculture report of farmers' intentions to plant and later by the preliminary report on division of cotton farmers' intentions between the alternative choices they have for the 1959 crop.

In the case of cotton the farmer decisions appear to lean heavily to the "A" plan of last year's cotton farm bill amendment. This gave cotton planters a choice between plan "A" with compliance with a basic acreage allotment of approximately 16.3 million acres, or the "B" plan where they would have the privilege of exceeding that acreage allotment base by 40%. The latter plan would

obtain a level of price support of 65% of parity.

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The "A" plan won the decision easily, and it now appears that approximately 80% of all cotton produced in this country in 1959 will be grown under the "A" plan with a guaranteed price support at 81% of parity.

This cotton acreage is substantially

This cotton acreage is substantially higher than a year ago, and with the smaller contribution to acreage of the increased "B" plan it is now asserted by USDA that total cotton acreage will amount to approximately 17.3 million acres.

Under the amendment to the cotton provision of the farm law last year it was fixed that USDA would take over all the cotton produced under the "A" plan and sell it back into the market at not less than 10 percentage points higher than the level of support for the "B" plan.

This undoubtedly now means since the "B" plan signup is such a small part of the crop, that USDA will be offering cotton from all of its stocks, not only the 1958 crop but the residue of old crop cotton at this price level unless the market is higher. There is said to have been strong American Farm Bureau Federation pressure to have USDA boost its sales price for new crop cotton to 12 percentage points over the minimum sales level as required by last year's amendment to the cotton provisions of the law.

This all adds up to a firm market for cotton at about 71% of parity which insures the cotton producers either under the "A" or "B" plan an assured market price, and perhaps if some emergency occurs, open market prices for cotton may soar even higher.

Loans for the "B" plan cotton will be available at 65% of the February 1959 parity price basis % middling inch at average locations.

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For cotton it all adds up to a boom-

ing year for fertilizer and certainly for the pesticidal chemical industry which will again be a stout friend in need if cotton farmers wish to protect their plan "A" cotton from the usual pests.

At the generally increased price support level for corn on a national average basis, corn farmers' intentions have zoomed to nearly 84 million acres, indicating that in the old commercial Corn Belt, the crop will now be planted fence-to-fence.

Sales reports from the fertilizer industry now indicate that while acreage may be up approximately 15%, actual use of plant foods in the old commercial Corn Belt will be up as much as 20%.

The unknown factor in this urgently heavy market demand is how much latent demand is found in the heavily indicated farmer intentions to plant. Ordinarily farmers fix their requirements early as to fertilizer and seed. In some years, purchase commitments for fertilizer lag behind as the Corn Belt farmer waits for weather conditions at planting season. Last year, for example, farmer purchases in the Corn Belt during May were unusually heavy as heavy moisture conditions deferred fertilizer commitments.

It is not to be expected that this condition can be repeated unless again heavy moisture delays field activity in the Corn Belt. But in any event, there is now in the making a heavy demand for plant foods for the Corn Belt and the Cotton Belt—not to dismiss the reaping harvest of sales by the pesticidal chemical industry if the forecasts of the fertilizer industry officials are generally attained.

Farmers Boost Output To Keep Up Gross Income

URBANA, ILL.—Many Illinois farmers are running at a fast pace to keep their income high enough to stay in business, visitors at the University of Illinois Agricultural Industries Forum were told.

Comparing the records of 210 Illinois farmers between 1951 and 1957, D. F. Wilken, farm management specialist, reported that while the farm price index dropped 17% during these years, total expenses of these farmers climbed 33%. But to stay in business, they kept their gross income about the same in 1957 as it had been six years earlier.

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To do this, they produced 15% more milk per cow, 18% more eggs per hen, 95% more pounds of beef in feeding operations, 25% more pork and 34% more corn.

Du Pont Announces New Assignments

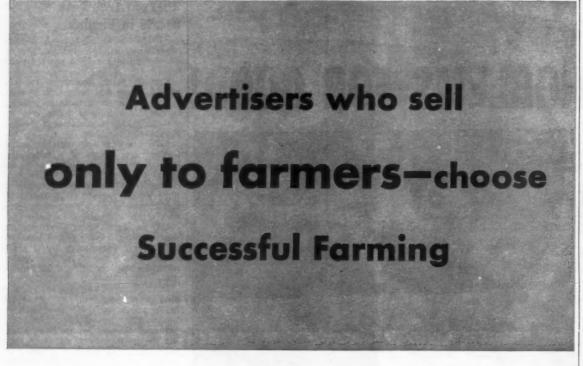
WILMINGTON, DEL. — New assignments for three men in blochemicals sales have been announced by the Du Pont Grasselli chemicals department.

In the home office in Wilmington, Dr. Joseph A. Evans has been named product manager, insecticides and fungicides, and Dr. Burton B. Hodgden, who has been a sales representative in Memphis, comes to Wilmington to be sales promotion supervisor on these products. Dr. Lyall F. Taylor is transferred from a sales territory in California to Wilmington as sales promotion supervisor on herbicides

Commercial Solvents Corp. Names District Manager

NEW YORK—James F. McCarthy has been named manager of the Cleveland district office for Commercial Solvents Corp., announced James V. O'Leary, general sales manager. Mr. McCarthy joined CSC in 1953 as an industrial chemicals salesman and has served in Chicago and Indianapolis.

The Cleveland district office is the sales center for CSC products in an area covering northern Ohio, West Virginia, western Pennsylvania, and the Buffalo, N.Y. section.



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ROCCO DiGIROLAM, manager of the Parkhurst Farm & Garden Supply Co. in Hammonton, N.J., shows one of his customers a card on which is printed information about the farmer's crop, what diseases can attack it and what can be done to overcome this. A file card is kept on every crop in the area with the same information included.

- SHOP TALK -

OVER THE COUNTER

By Emmet J. Hoffman Croplife Marketing Editor

A trend toward "well informed agricultural bankers" who fully understand the farmer's credit needs is steadily gaining momentum, a Missouri banker reports.

"Many banks now provide trained men who understand the farmer's problems and are qualified to advance money for fertilizer purchases," declares Galen Morley of the First National Bank of Kansas City, in a statement summarized by the Midwest division of the National Plant Food Institute.

"These banks make such loans with the knowledge that sound use

of fertilizer is a good investment which can return \$3 or more for every dollar invested."

Indicative of the increasing interest in farm credit is the fact that 657 agricultural bankers attended a recent Omaha meeting of the American Bankers Assn., Mr. Morley said.

With this increasing trend toward agricultural credit specialists, Mr. Morley says, "I am sure farmers will find that where such a man is employed, credit for fertilizer is available on a sound basis."

As an example of how a successful credit program benefits the banker, the farmer and the community, Mr. Morley cited the experience of the First National Bank of Thayer, Kansas, where an agricultural representative was employed seven years ago.

"In 1952 this bank began a series of fertilizer meetings," Mr. Morley said. This meeting has grown from a small beginning to one of the most important agricultural events in Neosha County.

"As a direct result, the county now is high in the state in fertilizer use and the average wheat yield was raised from 18 bu. to 38 bu. per acre last year."

Mr. Morley advised farmers applying for a fertilizer loan to have with them: (1) A record of past crop yields; (2) recommendations for fertilizer use from their county agent; (3) a record of yield increases from fertilizer use in the previous year; (4) a budget including fertilizer use.

'Clearing House' Theme Pays Off in New Jersey

By PHIL LANCE Croplife Special Writer

By acting as a "clearing house" for all types of information important to the farmer, the Parkhurst Farm & Garden Supply Co., Hammonton, N.J., has developed a healthy and profitable business operation.

"We offer our customers much more than competitive prices and immediate delivery in our efforts to be of greatest service to them," explains Rocco DiGirolam, store manager. "We want our customers to depend upon us for all types of crop raising and management information which will help them to greater profits. By acting as a 'clearing house' for the farmer where he can obtain this assistance, we automatically create a closer tie for our store sales."

The store obtains all types of information and technical data from the county and state farm bureaus as well as the U.S. Department of Agriculture—also material releases from Rutgers and the University of Delaware. Every farmer can always find something of importance to him in this material and he is continually checking over the variety obtained by this farm store.

Altering farmers to their fertilizer, insecticide and fungicide needs is an important part of this farm store's promotional activities. A large bulletin board in the store is constantly telling farmers of a specific fertilizer, insecticide or fungicide which is required on specific crops. This is followed up by periodic messages that tell the farmer what kind of insects or diseases to look for and

what to use on the crops. If a farmer desires further information, he can just question the store personnel concerning it.

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"We maintain a file card on every fruit and vegetable item that is raised in our area and on each itemize the different pests, diseases or insects that may attack them," explains Mr. DiGirolam. "Added information defines the particular work of the insect or disease so that it can be more clearly identified by the farmer. Then, we itemize the materials that should be used on these crops to eliminate the situation, and the best method of application is also noted.

"We maintain these cards from year to year, making additions, corrections and keeping them up to date in every way possible. This enables us to tell the farmer what particular fungicide or other material he may need for his crops and the quantity required—whether it be the dry or liquid variety. Results that have been achieved by other farmers are likewise recorded on these cards so that they contain complete information to remedy the farmers' problems."

Parkhurst Farm Supply stocks a complete line of fertilizers, insecticides and fungicides in addition to garden tools, seeds, farm machinery and equipment and related lines so that farmers can find anything they need for farm or home at one location. Southern New Jersey is known for its great variety of fruit and truck crops which include tomatoes, blueberries, sweet potatoes, peaches, asparagus, cranberries and so on. This farm store supply outlet stocks all types of merchandise and equipment

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Farm Chemicals Business Booms for Minnesota Firm

The farm chemical business of the Redwood County Farm Bureau Service Co. at Wabasso, Minn. consists primarily of weed sprays and insect control materials, says Richard Raddatz, manager. The bulk of the chemicals are secured from the Monsanto Chemical Co. and the General Chemical Co., Mr. Raddatz says.

The company sold 1,500 gal. of 2,4-D and other liquids, 10 tons of

2,4-D and other liquids, 10 tons of sodium chlorate, and lesser quantities of polybor chlorate, ureabor and D. B. granular, last year.

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The Service owns two spray rigs which are used in spraying 2,000 acres of grain and corn. Two applications on each crop annually are becoming the practice, early in the growing season on grain and corn, late in the season on corn, and after harvest on grain. Highboys are used in the late spraying of corn, says Mr. Raddatz, who finds that two sprayings are better than one.

About 500 gal. of insect chemicals, including DDT, chlordane, heptachlor, aldrin, and malathion are sold annually.

Heptachlor in combination with fertilizer was applied on 450 acres of corn ground last year. Results have been good, Mr. Raddatz states, on farms where corn follows corn.

Other service work done by the firm includes spraying fruit trees on

12 farms, and barns and poultry houses on 20 farms. Fruit tree spraying is done four to five times a year and works out best where the spray program is followed year after year.

ADVERTISING and effective displays are of the utmost importance to Richard Raddatz, manager of the Redwood County Farm Bureau Service Co. at Wabasso, Minn. At right, Mr. Raddatz shows a chemical advertising display piece that he feels is helpful to sales. In the picture below, Mr. Raddatz is shown arranging a neat display of farm chemicals.







Doing Business With

Oscar & Pat



By AL P. NELSON olife Special Write

George Winters came in from his harn work about twelve, took off his cap and shook the rain drops into the wastebasket in the kitchen.

"Holy cow, it's raining, Ma," he said. "Here we've had a bitter cold winter and now all this rain. When am I gonna get on the land?"

"You'll get on it soon enough," said his plump wife. "Dry weather will show up suddenly and then you'll be plowing night and day. With those

lights on your tractor you worked until midnight lots of days last spring. Now sit down and eat corned beef and cabbage. You asked for it."

George Winters smiled, then sniff-ed interestedly. "Yeah, I did, didn't I? And apple pie, too. Say, Gert, I didn't make a mistake when I picked you, did I?

"When you finally got around to it," his wife grumbled. "You waited so long I thought I'd have to be an old maid or set my cap for that feller who was 10 years older 'n me.

George chuckled and began eating

his corned beef and cabbage. At that time he opened the current issue of the Price County Enterprise, which had come in the morning mail and which his dutiful wife had laid beside his plate. She knew he was similar to many other American husbands—they liked to read the newspaper at mealtime.

George read some local news items, made remarks about them.

"Hey, I see that young Gruender couple got a baby. Ain't that awful soon? They was just married a little while ago, wasn't they?"

"George Winters!" his wife re-primanded. "The ideas you get. That couple has been married nine months and 20 days. I counted it."

He shrugged. "Well, I can't keep

track of everything." He read some more. "Hey, I see where Oscar and Pat are having a big Quack Grass Day.

"Quack grass day!" echoed his fe. "It's March and the snow is still on the ground. Who wants to

hear about quack grass now?"
"Well, I dunno," said her husband,
taking a drink of milk, then buttering a piece of bread. "Oscar and Pat in their ad say that it won't be long now before the darn old quack grass will start growing before anything

else and choke the crops."

'The quack grass almost ruined
my garden last year," admitted Mrs.
Winters. "You never did get around

to cultivating it much."
"I was too darn busy, Gert. I worked my tail off morning till night. I got a big farm to handle. Why should I worry too much about a garden?

"Well, I want a garden," his wife returned stubbornly. "If you won't tear out that quack grass, I'll hire somebody who will do it."

"Now you are worked up about quack grass. Oscar and Pat say that the time to apply weed killer for quack is when it is about 5 to 8 in. high. A 4 to 5 lb. dose mixed with 10 gal. of water is enough for one acre. The cost is \$5 approximately and Oscar and Pat offer this poundage for \$4 on Quack Grass Day."

"Credit or cash?"

George Winters laughed and so did his wife. "I suppose if Oscar sells it it'll be cash, but if Pat's the clerk, we can get credit. Say, Gert, what would you do with me if I was as tight as Oscar?'

What would I do? Why I'd pack in a big hurry and go out and look for another man.

"No! Would you?"
"I sure would. I'm thrifty, but I hate tight people like this fellow Oscar.

Her husband blinked. "Hey, Gert, don't shake your fist under my nose like that. I'm not Oscar. I give you \$2 to shop in the department store every time we go to town. Let's go in next week and get some of that weed killer—enough for three acres. We'll save \$3. That's something."

"Well, if only we didn't have to buy it there," said his wife. "I just hate to do business with a man that's as tight as that Oscar. I feel so sorry for his wife.

George Winters chuckled. "She'll never starve though. I understand Oscar has the first five dollars he ever earned out at 8% interest somewhere. And he owns part of the bank."

"I feel sorry for the bank," Mrs. Winters said. "I'll bet he kills a lot of otherwise sound loan applications. I can just hear him saying 'People shouldt not spendt so much'."

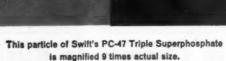
George Winters laughed and so did his wife. "Well," said Winters, "we don't have to live with Oscar, but you've got to admit he's got a nice partner in that Pat. Pat is always willing to help me work out fertiliz-ing problems. He's been after me to use more fertilizer on my corn land, and I've just about figured he's right. I think I'll give him the go ahead on about \$18 per acre for fertilizer this year, Gert. I've only been spending \$14. Pat's upped me from \$8 in previous years and I raised more co every year he's worked with me."

"Well, all right," grumble fe. "I've lived with you grumbled his long enough to know that you're not exactly the worst farmer in the world. But don't expect me to go into that Oscar and Pat place. If I did I'd tell that tightwad Oscar a few things. your stuff there and then meet me down at the Leader Department Store. I could hang around that store all day, lookin' and hopin'."

"Hopin' for what?"

"Hopin' you'll make that allowance \$20 instead of \$2, you-you, Oscar!"





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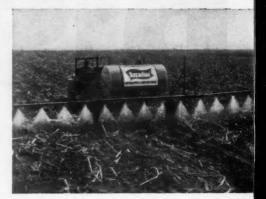
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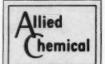
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that are needed by farmers raising these particular crops.

A serviceman is available to customers upon request and, in between these occasions, he pays calls on regular customers in an effort to help them farm their land more profitably. He does not do any selling as such. The farmer will usually ask him to have the store send him a supply of a particular fertilizer, fungicide or farm tool that has been discussed during their meeting. If the serviceman feels that the farmer is in the market for additional merchandise, he turns a note into the store and a salesman is dispatched to call on the farmer. He is usually one of the store personnel who can follow up the prospect in between his regular duties. This arrangement has worked out very economically for this farm store supply outlet without having to incur the additional expense of a salesman who may also become annoying to farmers when continually chasing after them to make a sale.

"Any farm store dealer can keep harping about the quality of the products that he handles and play up price," says Mr. DiGirolam, "which is nothing new to farmers. However, our policy of trying to help them first, then following up with the sale of our products has been highly accepted by our customers. This has brought us greater sales response from the farmers in our area."

Before the farming season begins, the serviceman pays a visit on all Parkhurst customers. He helps them start up their farm equipment which has been idle all winter long and provides them with maintenance literature on the particular type of equipment that they may have. He learns the particular crop the farmer is going to raise and offers suggestions in getting started properly. Information on all types of crops is also available to the farmer with particular stress being placed on fertilizers, insecticides and fungicides.

In many instances, the serviceman has shown some farmers how they may use their irrigation systems to spray a combination nutrition fertilizer and insecticide through their pipe lines doing two important jobs at one time. Also, that dusting by plane in certain growth stages of blueberry crops may be best, and he can make arrangements for this service if it is so desired. Often, a new piece of farm equipment may have come on the market which can be of tremendous use to the farmer and this is brought to his attention. If necessary, the serviceman will bring a demonstrational unit out to the farmer and show him how to operate it. By creating a need for a particular service, product or piece of equipment, the customer orders it himself which results in a "pressure-less" type of selling program.

Throughout the year, the Park-kurst Farm & Garden Supply Co. tries to maintain a steady contact with its customers. Once a year, the store runs an open house when it features its full line of farm equipment and related lines to its customers. Visitors are urged to browse through the store and its shop, motion picture films of farm equipment are run and refreshments are served. The turnout has become larger year after year, and it has now become a popular annual event looked forward to by the store's customers.

The store has expanded to include garden and lawn seeds, housewares, hardware, paints and other types of household needs. This is a major effort to attract farm women into the store. Periodically, during the year, an assortment of this merchandise is

stocked on special display gondolas and offered at a special sale. Termed an "88¢ sale" every item on display here sells at this price or a combination of these items for 88¢. Special merchandise has been purchased so that there is something here for every member of the family and this has helped to attract the entire household to this location.

A service department is housed in a portion of the 50 by 130 foot store. This is open to all customers for inspection and is a popular feature of this farm store. By offering complete service and parts on all equipment and machinery sold by this dealer, increased loyalty to the brands handled by him is enjoyed.

"As a customer service, we have a bulletin board in our store where farmers can list any equipment, machinery or other items that they may wish to sell," explains Mr. Di-Girolam. "We also post the daily weather conditions which are noted by many of our customers. Some call us on the phone for this information which affords us an extra opportunity of maintaining contact with them. As a result of our being able to act as a 'clearing house' for all sorts of customer needs, we have enjoyed better business each continuing year."

Town Okays Construction Of Three Liquid Tanks

STAYTON, ORE.—The Stayton city council has approved issuance of a building permit to the Santiam Farmers Cooperative for construction of three liquid fertilizer tanks on its property on First Street.

The action, however, carried the stipulation that the tanks be used for "storage only" thereby eliminating any possibility that the fertilizer would be manufactured or processed at the plant.

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No. 6888—Insecticide Applicator

An applicator for soil insecticides has been announced by Noble Manufacturing Co. According to company literature, the unit's main element is a 50 lb. capacity hopper that fits all planters, listers or seeders, with one hopper for every two or three rows



being worked. The hopper is powered by the drive shaft of the planter. Flexible steel drop tubes in the hopper bottom direct the granules into proper position for effective killing. The machine has universal mounting, the company says, and by means of a split drive sprocket can be attached to the planter's drive shaft with-

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out removing the shaft. A calibrated metering dial gives the operator positive control of application rate. Details are available by checking No. 6888 on the coupon and mailing.

No. 6886—Cotton Insecticide Folder

A folder describing the use of Sevin insecticide on cotton is now available from Union Carbide Chemicals Co., division of Union Carbide Corp. The features of the insecticide are explained in the folder, the company says, as well as a listing of insects on which it is effective. The folder is in color and is illustrated with photos of a number of different insects. Check No. 6886 on the coupon and mail for a copy.

No. 6887—Formulation List

Formulations aimed at increasing effectiveness of household, garden and truck crop insecticides against resistant insects are included in a folder being offered by Fairfield Chemicals, Food & Machinery and Chemical Corp. The folder lists suggested formulations for dual purpose home and garden sprays, horticulture sprays, fungicide additives, emulsifiable garden sprays and concentrates and garden and truck crop dusts.



Also included are model front and back package labels with accepted wordage for declaration of contents and directions for use. Check No. 6887 on the coupon and mail for details.

Also Available

The following items have appeared in the What's New section of recent issues of Croplife. They are reprinted to help keep retail dealers on the regional circulation plan informed of new industry products, literature and services.

No. 6883—Quack Grass Movie

Agricultural losses to quack grass and the control of this weed grass are explained in a motion picture produced by the Dow Chemical Co. Entitled "Quack Grass, the Perennial Guest," the film likens quack grass to a burglar who has become a guest by being allowed to remain in farm fields. In sequences filmed in the field, the picture shows the control of this grass in various crops with pre-plant, post harvest or in-crop applications of Dowpon. The film is available for free bookings. Check No. 6883 on the coupon and mail to this publication.

No. 6885—Pelleted Brush Control

"Dybar," a pelleted formulation of fenuron for control of woody brush, has been introduced by E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. When the pellets are scattered over brush-infested areas, the company says, they give positive brush control with one treatment. The pellets are nonvolatile and can be used near sensitive crops, are noncorrosive, nonflammable and present no toxicity hazard to people or animals when used as directed, the company says. The ¼ in. cylindrical pellets are applied just as they come from the package. They can be scattered by hand, applied with a tablespoon at the base of individual stems or clusters, applied with mechanical broadcaster or spread by airplane. Complete information can be obtained by checking No. 6885 on the coupon and mailing to this publication.

No. 6882—Fertilizer Spreaders

The Ezee-Flow division of Avco Distributing Corp. announced the availability of its 1959 line of fertilizer spreaders. Spreader models 120D (illustrated), 100D and 88D, of 12 ft., 10 ft. and 8 ft. widths, feature a patented removable cam agitator that can be lifted out of the hopper



for easy cleaning, the company said. The cam agitator grinds, mixes, levels and forces fertilizer out port openings through positive camming action, the company said. The agitators are case-hardened to crush the hardest fertilizer lumps. Complete product and soil test kit information can be obtained by checking No. 6882 on the coupon and mailing.

No. 7402—Bulletin on Motor Starters

The advantages of centralizing motor starters in control panels are discussed in a 4-page technical bulletin offered by the Richardson Scale Co. Bulletin 58-C cites initial costs, wiring, engineering time and maintenance costs savings that result from mounting the starter centers in control panels at the time the panel-is constructed, the company said. Six photographs of motor starter centers mounted in Richardson control panels at various plants illustrate the bulletin. For copies, check No. 7402 on the coupon and mail.

No. 6884—Aerosol Insect Sprayer

A new model of the Bes-Kil aerosol insect sprayer has been announced by Besler Corp. The model is skid-mounted and without a tank, but otherwise is identical to the trailer mounted models, the company says. The Bes-Kil is an adaption of the



smoke screen machine used by the U.S. Navy in World War II, the company says, and tests show it is effective for killing flies, mosquitoes and other insects. A feature of the machine, according to company literature, is that it applies the insecticide outside of the machine, so that the chemical does not lose potency by being overheated. It can also be used as a wet-spray machine, with a spray boom or by hand. Check No. 6884 on the coupon and mail for details.

No. 7406—Laboratory Service Data

The University of Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation has announced the availability of a new brochure and a series of leaflets describing the various laboratory services the group offers to industries. Included among the services discussed are nutrition, chemistry, animal studies, toxicity testing, microbiology,

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insecticide testing and food technology. The brochure is fully illustrated, showing the various phases of laboratory research in a c t u a l photos. The individual leaflets discuss the specific service in detail. For information on how to receive this data, check No. 7406 on the coupon

No. 7408-Air **Delivery Feeder**

Ripco Air Systems has introduced the Ripco truck conversion kit for flexible air hose delivery of granular material. With the kit, the company says, dealers and suppliers can con-vert present rolling stock, either flat bed or dump style, to an air delivery system. Simplicity of installation is one of the unit's features, the com-pany says. The feeder installed at the rear of the truck bed is hydraulically



driven, eliminating the need for long power take off shafts and flexible drives. On flat bed trucks, the feeder can be used as a bag to bulk delivery, or gravity fed from a dump style body. More information is available. Check No. 7408 and mail for details.

No. 7389—Car Shaker **Data Sheet**

A data sheet which presents revisions on Syntron's recently introduced unbalanced - motor vibrating car shaker is available from Syntron Co. The illustrated sheet gives complete descriptions, electrical and mechanical data and specifications on this unit. The car shaker is designed to facilitate emptying of rail-road hopper cars without damaging the cars. For a copy of the data sheet check No. 7389 on the coupon and mail to this publication.

No. 6879—Polyethylene Coated Bags

Bags with a coating of poly-ethylene to keep superphosphates dry during shipping and storage have been announced by Union Carbide Plastics Co. and Kraft Paper Bag Corp. Because superphosphate has a



tendency to dry out in plain bags, the firms developed the polyethylene coating to prevent it. The bags will not split at creases or accept mois-ture, literature explained. It was noted that the multi-wall bags made with polyethylene coated kraft paper are approximately 40% lighter than most conventional paper bags. Details can be obtained by checking No. 6879 on the coupon and mailing to this publication.

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ous maize for four years," said Mr. Birney. "That's why it is necessary for me to put down the right amounts of nitrogen. I've found Phillips 66 Ammonium Nitrate gives me the free

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Oregon Legislators Amend Fertilizer Bill

PORTLAND, ORE.-Amendments to the Oregon fertilizer law have passed the Oregon Legislature and were signed by the governor. The new amendments will take effect about June 10, 90 days after the governor's signature.

One amendment provides that the director of agriculture may set inspection fees, but not to exceed 10¢ a ton as was the case in the old law. The new amendment is expected to cause sharply lower inspection fees as the department has a large plus which it can use only for inspection work

The second amendment provides that the director may define what is a fertilizer element. Heretofore the director had no control over what could be called a fertilizer materialhe was forced to register all materials requested as fertilizers. Under the amendment the director will designate, after consultation with the soils department of Oregon State College, and due public hearing, what constitutes fertilizer materials and a

The third amendment changes the start of the fiscal year from July 1 to January 1.

The amendments were supported by the Pacific Northwest Plant Food Assn. after consultation with the department of agriculture.

Named Distributor

PORTLAND, ORE.—The L. H. Butcher Co. has been named as West

Coast distributor for Douglas Chemical Co.'s grain sanitation chemicals.

The Butcher Co. reports that the addition of the Douglas products now rounds out its complete line of agricultural chemicals.

The firm will distribute Douglas products through three of its six sales offices at Portland, Seattle and Salt Lake City. Headquarters are in Los Angeles.

Thiodan Shows Promise In Virginia Experiments

NORFOLK, VA.—Promising control of potato beetle, flea beetle and potato leaf hopper has been noted in experiments at the Virginia Truck Experiment Station here, according to a report by R. N. Hofmaster, entomologist. Following apparent resistance of these insects to a number of insecticides, applications of Thio-dan have given high percentage of control against flea beetle, potato leaf hopper, potato beetle and potato

The material, a hetrocyclic sulfur compound made by Niagara Chemi-cal Division of Food Machinery & Chemical Corp., has been cleared by USDA for use as a foliage spray on

According to the results of experiments in 1958, reductions in flea beetles and leaf hoppers were 98% and 99% after applications of 1.0 and 1.5 qt. emulsion to the acre, Mr. Hofmaster said.



president of California Spray-Chemical Corp., turns the first shovelful of earth in groundbreaking ceremonies for Calspray's \$4,600,000 fertilizer plant in Kennewick, Wash. Witness-ing the occasion is J. E. Magnuson, president of the Kennewick Port Commission. Calspray officials assist-ing Mr. Mohr were H. J. Grady, ex-ecutive vice president, P. S. Williams, vice president and chief engineer, and L. R. Jones, resident engineer. Also on hand to greet the Calspray repre sentatives were the mayors of the tricities, Pasco, Kennewick and Richland, members of the Port Commission, County Commission and the Kennewick Chamber of Commerce.

New Gibberellic Acid **Use Found by Scientists**

RIVERSIDE, CAL.—Another pessible economic use for gibberellic acid has been found by University of California scientists here.

Oscar Lorenz, vice chairman and Frank Takatori, specialist in the department of vegetable crops, say the chemical may benefit celery growers.

Applied to winter celery three weeks before harvest, gibberellic acid increases the length of petioles or shanks. In winter, celery shanks often don't grow long enough for periode the shanks of the don't grow long enough for periode the shanks of the sha marketability.

The chemical is especially good on short-top or bolt-resistant varieties such as 16-11, the Riverside scientists

Still in a trial stage, the acid is not ready for a firm recommendation. However, growers wishing to try it should use between 25 and 50 ppm in a spray, with 100 gal. of water an

acre, they suggest.

Mr. Lorenz and Mr. Takatori caution growers against applying gibberellin more than a month ahead of harvest, since it causes seed-stalks to form rapidly. This can result in the

crop being completely unmarketable.
Chiefly, the chemical will be useful in Los Angeles, Orange, San
Diego, Ventura and Monterey counties, which have large crops of win-ter celery, they believe.

Eastern States Farmers Names New Managers

WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASS.— Perry H. Wetzel has been promoted to manager of the agricultural chemicals purchasing department, and Cleon Phelps to manager of plant operations for Eastern States Farmers' Exchange.
Mr. Wetzel replaces Philip Catir,

who was promoted to feed purchasing. Mr. Phelps was formerly manager of the agricultural chemicals blending and distribution plant.

SPITTLEBUGS DUE

COLUMBUS, OHIO-Ohio farmers were warned to expect another spit-tlebug attack this year by Dr. R. P. Holdsworth, Jr., Ohio State University entomologist. Dr. Holdsworth said those who didn't follow control recommendations could expect to lose 25% of their first growth clover and about 15% of their first growth alfalfa

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Arkansas County Launches Intensive Soil Test Program

FAYETTEVILLE, ARK.—An intensive soil testing program for Lawrence County, Arkansas, was launched recently with a "Soil Test Festival" in Walnut Ridge. More than 200 farmers attended. Sponsors of the recent of the county were of the project are the county agri-cultural extension service and the National Plant Food Institute.

This pilot effort in Arkansas is aimed at getting every Lawrence County farmer to have his soil tested. The project will be expanded to other counties throughout the state next year by the Arkansas Extension Service, provided the program is successful in Lawrence County.

Featured at the festival in Walnut Ridge were talks by Dr. Robert L. Beacher, southwest regional director for NPFI; W. A. Anderson, county agent; John Carter, associate agent, and Donald Adams, extension soils

specialist.

The extension agents outlined results of previous fertilizer demonstrations in the area, and explained the economic values which can be obtained. tained by more widespread adoption of recommended fertilization prac-tices in accordance with soil testing.

They calculated that combined revenue from cotton, corn, soybeans and rice could be boosted by more than \$1.6 million annually if current recommended practices were follow-

ed.

In his presentation, Mr. Beacher cited the success of similar programs conducted in several southeastern states, some of which were cooperative NPFI projects.

Sweet Clover Aphids Extend Area in Canada

WINNIPEG—Sweet clover aphids are rapidly extending their area of infestation in both Manitoba and Saskatchewan and may cause serious damage to clover stands this coming

In mid-September last year, plots at Saskatoon, Sask., were found to be severely infested. This was the location of the first reported occur-rence of sweet clover aphid in Sas-katchewan. In 1957 damage was observed at the plots at Saskatoon, but no identification was made at that time. Shortly after the 1958 out-break, the aphid was also found in small numbers in sweet clover in the east-central part of the province.

The pest first entered Canada in 1956, damaging sweet clover plots in early July at the University of Manitoba. It was present in non-injurious numbers at Portage la Prairie, Man., in the spring of 1957. Severe damage from the aphids occurred at Portage la Prairie and Morden, Man., in late June and early July of 1958.

Warnings and control measures are being circulated.



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NEW SALESMEN-James E. Corgill and H. Parker Rea have joined the staff of Bradley & Baker, New York, as sales representatives out of the firm's Atlanta, Ga., office. Mr. Corgill will cover the northern half of Alabama and Mississippi and all of Tennessee. Mr. Rea will cover the southern portions of Alabama and Mississippi and parts of western Florida and southern Louisiana,

Reader Views

To the Editor:

Thank you very much for the very excellent treatment of the "Case for Pesticides" in the wildlife-pesticide matter which was presented in the March 9 issue of Croplife.

We very much appreciate your continued and wholehearted support of our program in this instance.

> Lea S. Hitchner Executive Secretary National Agricultural Chemicals Assn. Washington, D.C.

lowa Firm Installs Liquid Fertilizer Plant

OSKALOOSA, IOWA-Allied Gas and Chemical Co., a branch of Hack-ert Enterprises, is completing instal-lation of a new liquid fertilizer plant on Highway 63. Manufacturing operations of Gro-Mor liquid fertilizer are to start in the near future, according to Henry Hackert, owner and man-

Two new steel buildings have been erected by the Garden Construction Co. to house the new plant, which will have a capacity of 40 tons of liquid fertilizer an hour. The mixing plant is in a 24 ft. by 48 ft. building, and a second building, 26 ft. by 72 ft., has been built for storage. A new soil testing laboratory has been established at the downtown headquarters of the company.

Richard Van Weelden is in charge of the fertilizer plant, with a force of 12 workers at the main plant and the bulk plant. Hackert Enterprises includes dealers at Hedrick, Cedar, Fremont, Rose Hill, Washington, What Cheer, Montezuma, Pella and Knoxville. Allied Gas and Chemical Co. also operates a fleet of trucks and sells fertilizer tanks and spray equip-

Monsanto Announces New Methyl Parathion

ST. LOUIS - Monsanto Chemical Co. has announced that it has developed a stabilized methyl parathion for dust formulations which, the company states, resists decomposi-tion during extended storage at high temperatures.

In accelerated laboratory tests conducted by Monsanto, the new, stabilized methyl parathion, prepared as a dust concentrate, showed less than 10% loss of activity after 12 weeks of storage at a constant temperature of 123° F., the company said. This is estimated by Monsanto to be equivalent to more than one year of warehouse storage at normal temperatures.

The stabilization of methyl parathion for much longer storage life of dust formulations has been achieved without affecting either the insecti-cidal or residual activity of the compound, according to Monsanto. This was confirmed both by extensive laboratory work and experimental field applications, the company said.

Monsanto has not divulged the chemistry of its stabilization system. However, officials of the major cotton-producing states concerned visited the company's Agricultural Research Laboratory at St. Louis recently for a discussion of the development with the company's scien-

Quantities of the material are being shipped to Monsanto's major formulating customers for preparation of dust formulations to submit for state label approvals in time for the 1959 cotton growing season. Monsanto is recommending the use of the stabilized material only in dust formulations

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Texas Gulf Sulphur Co. Names Two Vice Presidents

NEW YORK—Election of Hubbard S. Caven and A. Nelson Myers as vice presidents of Texas Gulf Sulphur Co. was announced by Fred M. Nelson, chairman.

Mr. Caven has headquarters at the company's office in Houston, Texas. Prior to joining the company in 1947. Mr. Caven was a member of the law firm of Abney and Caven at Marshall, Texas. He graduated from the Uni-

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Mr. Myers is manager of sales and operates from the New York office.

He joined Texas Gulf Sulphur as assistant sales manager in 1946. From 1940 to 1946 he was vice president in charge of sales for Chilean Nitrate Sales Corp. He was previously a divisional sales manager of Virginia-Carolina Chemical Corp.

Electric Reduction Starts Expansion Program

TORONTO—Electric Reduction Co. of Canada is starting on its latest big expansion phase in Eastern Canada. In a multi-million-dollar program, production of sulphuric acid and phosphoric acid as well as sodium phosphates and other products. Plants will be located at Port Maitland, Ont., where the Grand River enters Lake Erie.

Atlas Powder Appoints Two to Sales Posts

WH.MINGTON, DEL.—The appointment of William R. Lucas as manager of Atlas Powder Co.'s regional chemicals sales office in Chicago and of Edward M. Simon, Jr. to succeed him as assistant manager of the company's New York regional office was announced by Edward J. Massaglia, vice president and general manager of Atlas' chemicals division. Both appointments are effective April 1.

Saskatchewan to Supply Dieldrin At Cost for 'Hoppers

REGINA—Saskatchewan's Department of Agriculture will supply diedrin at cost direct to rural municipalities and local improvement districts for grasshopper control, V. B. Holmes, assistant director of the Plant Industry Branch, told delegates attending the annual grasshopper control conference at the provincial museum.

Mr. Holmes told delegates that farmers would order their chemical requirement through the municipality. The price of the dieldrin to the municipality will be about 15¢ an acre, he said.

Last year, about 1½ million acres were sprayed by farmers to control 'hoppers. Crops valued at many millions of dollars were saved by farmers using recommended cultural practices and applying chemical to control these pests, Mr. Holmes said.

The cost of grasshopper chemicals has been lowered over the years. The speaker noted that such costs were reduced from a high of \$3 an acre to the present level of about 15¢ an acre.

Hercules Net Declines From 1957 Record

WILMINGTON, DEL.—Hercules Powder Co. has reported net sales and operating revenues of \$236,513,-000 for 1958, a decline of 4% from the company's all-time record in 1957 of \$245,265,000.

Hercules' 1958 annual report to stockholders showed net income after all charges of \$17,509,000, equal to \$2.04 a share of common stock.

This represents a decline of 5% from 1957 when net income totaled \$18,116,000, equal to \$2.14 a share of common stock. Common dividends were \$1.10 a share, the same as last

The report showed that 9% of the company's products were consumed during 1958 by the agricultural chemicals industry.

BOOKLET ON FERTILIZER

COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS— "Fertilizers and Their Use" is the title of a bulletin released by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service here. William F. Bennett, extension soil chemist, is author of the bulletin.



E. J. (Ed) McMillan

STAFF ADDITION—Spencer Chemical Co., Kansas City, has announced the addition of a sales representative for a western territory. The new representative will be E. J. "Ed" McMillan, who will serve an area comprised of Colorado, New Mexico, and West Texas. Mr. McMillan, a graduate of the University of Missouri with a B.S. degree in business administration, has been employed by Spencer in production and administrative positions at the company's Jayhawk Works since 1942.

Grasshopper Alert Sounded in Nebraska

LINCOLN, NEB.—Farmers and ranchers in central and western Nebraska should be on the alert for moderate to severe grasshopper infestations in 1959, a University of Nebraska specialist has warned.
R. E. Roselle, extension entomolo-

R. E. Roselle, extension entomologist at the university, reported that range infestations are expected in portions of Lincoln, Keith, Arthur, McPherson, Garden, Morrill and Scotts Bluff counties.

"Adult egg laying in the fall of 1958 indicated ranchers in these counties should be alert this year," Mr. Roselle said. "Spotted infestations of grasshoppers are expected to occur in the Nebraska Sand Hills, especially in southern Cherry County and northern Grant, Hooker and Thomas counties."

Thomas counties."

Mr. Roselle said that cropland grasshoppers threaten a larger area of the state including most counties west of a line from Albion to Red Cloud. These areas will not be completely infested, however.

USDA Approves Davison's Dri-Die Insecticide Label

BALTIMORE — The U.S. Department of Agriculture has approved the permanent registration of the W. R. Grace & Co. Davison chemical division Dri-Die Insecticide 67 label, reported the company. Similar authorization has been obtained from state regulation authorities.

Approval was allowed on the control of roaches, drywood termites and animal fleas. The product is a chemically treated, porous silica gel of micros pied porticles.

cron sized particles.
Following USDA approval, the company announced a nationwide distribution of Dri-Die through pest control chemical distributors.

SEED SHIPPED

PORTLAND, ORE. — A 2½-ton "sample" of Oregon grass and legume seed was recently shipped to the Far East in an attempt to create new markets for the state's flourishing seed industry. The top-quality seed, donated by Oregon seed growers and dealers, is being shipped to Japan, Korea, Burma and Thailand, where it will be used to establish trial plots and demonstration plantings in those countries.



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MANHATTAN, KANSAS—Actual wheat losses cannot be estimated until spring, but, according to a survey, it appears now that wheat streak mosaic will reduce yields in the west-ern two-thirds of Kansas—the important wheat area of the state.

A team of Kansas State College

and U.S. Department of Agriculture scientists has just completed a survey of the state that took them into 99 of the 105 counties. They found wheat curl mites that transmit streak mosaic more abundant than any time since 1953-54.

Fifty-six per cent of 241 samples from planted wheat fields and 77% of 81 samples from volunteer wheat fields were infested with the mites. Heavy populations of the mites also were found in barley fields in north central Kansas.

In a partial survey of the state, plants already infested with streak mosaic were found in at least 22 Kansas counties. Mosaic disease symptoms were evident in many fields in the Russell and Lincoln counties area. Cold weather retards development of countries area. development of streak mosaic, but it neither destroys the disease nor the mites that spread it. The USDA-K-State survey team

included botanists, plant pathologists and entomologists. They frequently have warned that leaving volunteer wheat and planting wheat early both favor the mite that spreads streak mosaic. The mites, known scientifically as Aceria tulipae (Keifer), are too small to be seen except under magnification of at least 15

American Potash Registers 12% Sales Gain in 1958

LOS ANGELES-American Potash & Chemical Corp. for the year ended Dec. 31, 1958, registered a 12% gain in sales over the previous year, an-

nounced Peter Colefax, president. Sales for 1958 were \$47,920,105 as compared with \$42,837,213 for the

Previous year.

Net income for the year 1958 was \$4,370,443, equal, after preferred dividends, to \$1.83 per share on the 2,-270,877 shares of common stock outstanding at Dec. 31. In 1957, earnings of \$4,706,235 were equal to \$2.35 per share on the 1,908,444 shares then outstanding. Sales and earnings since Jan. 1, 1958, reflect the results for Lindsay Chemical Co., which was merged into the company May 1,

Mr. Colefax reported that sales of potash, sodium chlorate, ammonium perchlorate and lithium carbonate were ahead of 1957 levels while shipments of soda ash and salt cake were lower. Sales of boron products for industrial uses equalled previous year

Permit Granted to Build Oregon Fertilizer Plant

JEFFERSON, ORE. - The Jefferson city council has issued a building permit to the Meeker Fertilizer Co. of Salem, Ore., for construction of a plant here. The 3,600 sq. ft. storage building will be located southwest of the town's old depot. Separate tanks for liquid fertilizer will be located near the building.

HESSIAN FLY IN KANSAS

MANHATTAN, KANSAS-Hessian fly populations have built up in a few local areas in Kansas and losses could be heavy for susceptible wheat varieties grown in these small areas, a Kansas State University entomolo-gist has warned. Although Hessian fly populations remain low or non-existent over much of the state, R. H. Painter said a team of scientists recently found some fields of volunteer or early planted wheat in Rooks and Marion counties where more than 90% of the plants were infested.

Pacific Society Branch Announces Meeting Dates

-The 43rd SACRAMENTO, CAL. annual meeting of the Pacific Branch, Entomological Society of America has been scheduled for June 23-25 at the El Dorado Hotel, Sacramento, according to F. M. Summers, department of entomology, University of California, Davis, program chairman.

Subjects scheduled for discussion include a symposium on objectives and problems in pesticide residue analysis, mechanical and physical aspects of pesticide application, and biological control.

Invitational papers and addresses

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will cover topics including "Responsi-bilities of Those Who Make Insect Control Recommendations"; "Pro-gress Toward Eradication of Pink Bollworm from Arizona"; and "Support and Direction of Research by Industry."

In addition, numerous submitted papers are scheduled.





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Industry Resists Proposed Fertilizer Law

MEMBERS OF THE antitrust and monopoly subcommittee of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary were presented some potent arguments recently when that group met in Washington to consider changes in the Robinson-Patman Act in accordance with S.11, the bill sponsored by Sen. Estes Kefauver (D., Tenn.) and Rep. Wright Patman (D., Texas).

Attorneys representing the fertilizer and pesticide industries told the subcommittee that despite apparent fears of the authors of S.11, there are no predatory competitive practices in the fertilizer industry, permitted by the "right to meet competition" proviso. "To the contrary, this right to meet competition is essential to the fertilizer manufacturer's ability to compete in the largest geographical area within which he can market and make a profit," Robert L. Ackerly, counsel for the National Plant Food Institute, told the law-makers. "S.11 could result in carving the country up into small geographic monopolies and drastically reduce competition," he declared.

The attorney pointed out that the farmer has been the primary beneficiary of the present vigorous competition in the sale of fertilizer. "The price of fertilizer has advanced less over the years than the prices of any other commodity he buys... Accordingly, the conclusion is inescapable that there are no practices in the distribution of fertilizer which warrant the passage of this bill. To the contrary, S.11 will likely have an adverse effect on the American farmer."

The second point of objection to S.11 lies in its jeopardizing some of the sound, well-established marketing practices in the sale of fertilizer. "Before arriving at this conclusion, we attempted to appraise the probable effect of this legislation upon present practices. While the most honest answer which we can give is to say that it is impossible for anyone to foresee with any preciseness or assurance the total effect of the proposed legislation, it is reasonably clear that the ability to compete would be substantially lessened"

This would be true for a number of reasons, the attorney went on. In the first place, fertilizer manufacturers must meet a competitor's lower price or lose the business. Under present law, competition can be met. But could it be met under the conditions set up by S.11?

The fuzziness of the wording of the law would make it nearly impossible for a fertilizer firm to know whether its lowering of a price might lessen competition and tend to create a monopoly. This uncertainty of whether or not in meeting a competitor's price he might become involved in long expensive litigation would result in protected pricing which the attorney called "the antithesis of our competitive system."

"Small business particularly relies more heavily on the right to meet a competitor's lower price than does the larger business organization. Consider a large supplier who can supply a customer in quantity and thus show a cost justification for a lower price than the going or market price in that particular area. A small supplier who would like to compete for some share of this business could not show cost justification to meet the large supplier's lower price nor could he lower the price to that level for all of his customers without reducing profit margins below a reasonable minimum.

"If the small supplier can secure a share of that business on the basis of an equally low price, his increased volume may lower his unit cost and justify some general decrease in prices. If he cannot secure this volume, the prices to the rest of his customers undoubtedly will stay the same."

The attorney told the subcommittee that large purchasers normally like to buy from more than one source so they will not be dependent upon single supplier and lose that source of supply in the event of production or other difficulties. But if a small supplier cannot compete on a situation-to-situation basis for a share of the business of the large suppliers, then the buyer will have no choice but to deal with the one supplier who can deliver at the lowest price.

"And if the effect of a lower price to meet a competitor's equally low price 'may be' to substantially lessen competition or tend to create a monopoly, the small supplier is running the risk of violating the law."

Actually, as the lawyer pointed out, if there is an area in which the small supplier can meet an equally low price without the risk of running afoul of the provisions of the proposed law, "that area is too obscure and fleeting to be of any benefit to a fertilizer salesman in the field."

We feel that most of the business community involved in the marketing and sale of fertilizers will agree with the attorney that Congress should not impose such a vague standard of lawfulness or unlawfulness as a guide for daily decisions. Operating under the cover of such a law would be not only confusing, but would bring exactly opposite results from those its authors seem to anticipate. Instead of increasing competition, it would tend to stifle it.

We still wonder about why the fertilizer industry is so frequently picked as a sort of "whipping boy" for legislators with grandiose ideas for reforms. As we look around on the general national and world scenes, we can see a number of situations not connected with the agricultural chemical industry, which warrant considerably more attention on the part of legislative brains.

Ski Resort Owner Puts Fertilizer on Skids

AN OFFBEAT use of ammonium nitrate in a seemingly un-agricultural manner has been reported from Ste. Marguerite, Que. The fertilizer, according to reports, has been employed by operators of Laurentian resorts to harden sunsoftened snow on ski slopes. The operation, they say, prolongs the spring skiing season for as much as two or three weeks.

Skiers at Chalet Cochand witnessed a strange sight recently upon observing a caterpillar-treaded vehicle loaded with ammonium nitrate crawling slowly up a slope behind the lodge. Two men at the rear of the machine were spreading the fertilizer granules on the soft snow.

Shortly thereafter, the fertilized snow was reported to have become hard and firm and so fast that some of the more timid skiers decided to try a slower hill.

G. R. Snyder, technical service manager of the agricultural chemicals division of Canadian Industries, Ltd., supplier of the fertilizer, explains that when the fertilizer is spread on soft snow, it absorbs the moisture and in about 15 minutes forms a hard, granular surface which provides good skiing conditions.

Mr. Snyder adds that the addition of fertilizer to the ski slope not only aids the immediate situation, but when the snow finally melts, the nutrient remains to strengthen grass growth and provide a better surface to hold next year's snow.



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April 8-11—Symposium on forest soils, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La.

April 29-30 — Symposium on transportation, regulation and packaging of chemical products, sponsored by the Manufacturing Chemists' Assn., Engineering and Scientific Center, Cleveland, Ohlo.

June 9-10—Seventeenth Annual Convention of the Association of Southern Feed and Fertilizer Control Officials, Velda Rose Motel, Hot Springs, Ark.; Maurice Rowe, Virginia Department of Agriculture, 1122 State Office Bldg., Richmond 19. Va.

June 14-17—National Plant Food Institute, Annual Convention, the Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

June 23-25—Pacific Branch, Entomological Society of America, 48rd annual meeting, El Dorado Hotel, Sacramento, Cal. Dr. Leslie M. Smith, University of California, Davis, branch chairman.

June 29-30—Seventh Annual California Fertilizer Conference, University of California campus, Davis, Cal. J. H. Nelson and Earl R. Mog, co-chairmen.

July 7-9—Regional Fertilizer Conference, co-sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Plant Food Assn. and state colleges and universities in the area, Winthrop Hotel, Tacoma, Wash.

July 29—Annual Kentucky Fertilizer Conference, Guignol Theater, University of Kentucky campus, Lexington, Ky.

Aug. 3-7—Gordon Research Conference on blochemistry in agriculture, Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, N.H.

Oct. 14-16—Pacific Northwest Plant

Raymond F. Ouer Named Rieke Sales Manager

AUBURN, IND.—Raymond F. Ouer has been named general manager in charge of sales for the Rieke Metal Products Corp. here, announced Mahlon E. Rieke, executive vice president.

The firm's general sales offices have been moved from Oakland, Cal., to Auburn, Mr. Rieke said.

Mr. Ouer, who succeeds Truman W. Floyd, has been with the firm for eight years. He was formerly assistant sales manager and prior to that he was West Coast division manager.

Mr. Floyd, a company vice president, has been appointed to the executive committee and will continue to handle all foreign sales except Canada, Mr. Rieke said.

Food Assn. Annual Convention Chinook Hotel, Yakima, Wash.

Oct. 21-23 — National Agricultural Chemicals Assn., 26th annual meeting, French Lick-Sheraton Hotel, French Lick, Ind., Lea S. Hitchner, executive secretary.

Nov. 4-6—Fertilizer Industry Round Table, Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D.C. Dr. Vincent Sauchelli, National Plant Food Institute, chairman.

Nov. 9-11 — California Fertilizer Assn., 36th annual convention, Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco.

Nov. 16-20 — National Aviation Trades Assn., 20th annual convention, New Orleans, La.

Dec. 9-11—International Crop Protection and Pest Control Exhibition, Seymour Hall, St. Marylebone, London, England.

Cyanamid to Market Granular Thimet in Three Midwest States

NEW YORK—American Cyanamid Co. announced that it will begin marketing its systemic insecticide Thimet in granular form in Ohio, Michigan and Wisconsin beginning April 1.

Use of Thimet has just been cleared by the government and will be recommended in the three states by experiment stations which have conducted tests with the product, the company said. Specifically, the claims call for control of aphids, leafhoppers and flea beetles.

Season-long control which eliminates the necessity of periodic sprayings is a new development in systemic insecticide application, according to Cyanamid. Thimet, previously accepted for use to protect cotton, sugar beets and alfalfa from insect attacks has heretofore been applied only during early season infestation periods.

Application of the insecticide is made only once, at planting time, preferably in the fertilizer band. The company reports that tests show there are no "off" flavors or residues in the tubers at the rate recommended, nor are chipping qualities of the potatoes affected in any way.

Cyanamid entomologists said that one of the principal carriers of purple top virus, the six-spotted leafhopper, is controlled by the insecticide.

New Wisconsin Firm

MEDFORD, WIS.—Farmers Direct Service, Inc., has been formed here to supply Taylor County Farmers with lime and fertilizer. The firm is capitalized at \$30,000.

Officers include Joseph M. Jari, Browning, president, and J. G. Brandner, Chelsea, vice president.

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Bemis Bro. Bag Co. Elects New Officers

ST. LOUIS—F. G. Bemis, president of Bemis Bro. Bag Co., has announced the election of three new directors and three new vice presidents. The new directors were elected at the recent annual meeting of stockholders held at the company's St. Louis general offices.

Elected directors were A. N.

Elected directors were A. N. Weeks, vice president and director of production, St. Louis general offices;

R. V. Scott, director of eastern operations, New York, and C. W. Akin, director of group 6 operations, Minneapolis.

The new vice presidents were elected at the meeting of the board of directors which followed the stockholders' meeting. Elected officers were T. H. Ashton, director of central operations, Omaha; L. A. Linville, director of western operations, San Mateo, Cal., and H. J. Wehrenbrecht, director of southern operations, New Orleans.

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G	UESTIONS	True	False
1.	Inorganic salts are frequently added to oil-water systems to break emulsions.		
2.	It is impossible to prepare practical emulsions in which the aqueous phase contains high concentrations of inorganic salts.		
3.	Good agricultural emulsifiers may be characterized as individual specific chemical compounds.		
4.	The anionic components of an agricultural emulsi- fier impart improved performance in soft water.		
5.	A good emulsifier can be fully characterized by the ratio of anionic to nonionic components.		
6.	The active ingredient content of an emulsifier is the chief criterion of its efficiency.		
7.	Variations in toxicant, solvent and waters require adjustments in emulsifier blend for optimum performance.		
8.	The ratio of the emulsifiers in a matched pair need not be altered when the concentrate is used at high or low dilution rates.		
9.	In general, it is safer to formulate slightly higher on the nonionic side than on the anionic side when employing matched pairs.		
10.	Most formulators use the correct amount of emul- sifier in their emulsifiable concentrates.		

*Emulsifier Quality

True. Most emulailiers "eat our in the presence of inorganic salts which impairs their function and breaks the emulation.

2. False. Emcols H-A, M-B and H-C are used to emulaify insecticides in concentrated mixed fartilizer solutions in which the saturation. These emulaifiers have a unique folerance to high salt concentrations.

3. False. Most efficient agricultural emulaitiers are blends of several anionic and nonionic surfactants. Conversely, the nonionic components of such an emulaifier impart impart impart improved performance in hard water.

5. False. It is not sufficient to balance the anionic and nonionic components of such an emulaifier and nonionic components. Conversely, the nonionic components of such an emulaifier and nonionic components of such an emulaifier and nonionic components and silventime and inpophilic properties, each in turn must be properly balance the anionic-monionic ratio. Since both an infinium use lavel. This requires blending several components and some cases as many as 12 different surfaction of the separate components and their balance is the prince consideration.

6. False. The rate of dilution required by the blend of the matched pair necessary for optimum performance.

7. True. An excessive creaming which can easily be radispersed, but an excess of anionic may result in accessive creaming which can easily be radispersed, but an excess of anionic may result in averaging stability. Low molisture content, the right of nanufacture such a low you to manufacture such an evel acomponents, and Emcol know-how allow you to manufacture such endersoned.



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